

**De-Authenticating In Security Environments  
Only Providing Authentication**

**ABSTRACT**

In a protocol providing for authentication to a first security realm, but failing to provide for a logout operation to de-authenticate from the first security realm, a logout operation is effected by providing a logout button, hyperlink, or other linking construct that causes a user to be transparently authenticated to a second security realm. For example, with respect to HTTP basic authentication, authentication with the second security realm removes, or logs out, the user from the first security realm.